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MEMORANDUM FOR: OER Historical Officer

SUBJECT : Completion of Review of OER History  
Entitled "History of Economic  
Intelligence, Volume II"

1. Forwarded herewith are the comments of the  
Chief, Historical Staff on the OER history titled  
"History of Economic Intelligence, Volume II" by

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[ ] This completes the review of the  
paper and constitutes approval for its publication.

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2. [ ] should now proceed to revise his  
text in accordance with the suggestions of the several  
reviewers. When he has completed his revisions, final  
typing of the manuscript should be carried out in OER.

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SUBJECT : Review of Volume II of [ ]  
History of ORR

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It is not often that the reading of a history leaves me with a sense of exhilaration, such as I have just experienced in reading the second volume of [ ] history of ORR. No doubt the stirring of memories of my own association with ORR account in part for this feeling, but most of the credit belongs to Dave, who has in his second volume matched if not surpassed the high standard of historical writing which he attained in his first volume. This history, in my judgment will constitute a model of what a good component history should be like. Dave achieves a meaningful balance between structure and activity, a balance in which the structure is shown as having been adapted periodically to changes in major activities. Activities are discussed selectively to highlight the major concerns of the office. The treatment is interpretive and yet dispassionate. Complex analytical procedures are reduced to understandable summaries. These are some of the virtues that contribute to the excellence as well as the utility of this history.

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A few miscellaneous comments and suggestions are attached.

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Bernard Drell  
Chief, CIA Historical Staff

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Notes on "The Development of Economic Intelligence in the Office of Research and Reports," Volume II, by [redacted]

I-5, line 8

Do economists describe economic data as "true" or as "accurate" or "reliable"?

I-17, note\*

For "remaining", read "other".

II-9, 11, 16 et seq.

Note variability in hyphenation of military economic despite apparent effort to delete hyphens.

V-3, Note\*

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There may be no written record of consumer criticism, but on at least one occasion, [redacted] expressed concern of sufficient intensity to be echoed in the AD's weekly staff meeting.

VI-1, first sentence

Begins with mundane information. Convert the first part to a footnote and begin as suggested in text.

VII-1, first para

Neither of the versions of the divestiture, as given here quite hits the mark. The functions had been nurtured in ORR until they reached an importance, and in some cases a maturity, which justified an independent status. The best example is the emergence of OSR, but OBGi is also a good case. NPIC developed very rapidly and was given independent status because of its expected significance rather than its maturity at the time. In fact, the reconstitution of OER is handled as an evolutionary action on p. 32. My suggestion for a title is: The Emergence of OER, but if this title is given to the chapter,

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then it may not be appropriate to term the final section an epilogue.

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I particularly commend [ ] on his comprehension of ORR's historical evolution and the splendid manner in which he has summarized this development in the last three pages of this volume.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: OBGI Historical Officer

SUBJECT : Comments on OBGI History Titled  
"Procurement of Maps for the Intelligence  
Community, 1946-1971"

1. The DDI Historical Officer has reviewed the revised version of the OBGI history entitled "Procurement of Maps for the Intelligence Community, 1946-1971"

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[REDACTED] As far as the text goes, this history is now acceptable for publication. It will have to be retyped, however, in order to meet Historical Staff publication standards.

2. Format should be identical throughout the text. Part I now begins each new section on a new page, while the rest of the history runs consecutively. The latter format is the preferred one, and Part I should be changed to conform.

3. The Table of Contents is confusing because the separate parts of the history are lost to the eye (the first thing a reader sees is two Introductions). To establish a logical subordination, the Historical Staff suggests that the present Parts be changed into Chapters, with subheadings arranged as follows:

I Introduction

Historical Perspective  
Present Situation  
Programs, etc.

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(Numbering of headings can be omitted, subheadings will continue as A, B, etc.). Whatever system is adopted for the Table of Contents should be followed exactly in the text.


4. The paper as submitted is riddled with internal stylistic inconsistencies. Consistency of usage should be maintained throughout in such matters as capitalization, punctuation, citing of dates, etc. The reviewer has attempted to catch these problems as well as typographical errors and to note both in the Attachment.

5. The list of source references needs considerable revision to supply missing data, standardize format, etc. Suggestions for this are included in the Attachment.

6. In addition to the comments noted in the Attachment, your attention is called to the preferred style for numbered lists, which is: (1)  
(2) etc.

This format is followed on pp 1-2 and 63-64, but not on pp 32-34, 55-56, and 57. The lists on the latter pages should be changed as appropriate. In addition, the unnumbered lists of similar items on p 111 and on pp 113-115 do not follow the same format and should be adjusted to do so.

7. When the indicated revisions have been completed and the manuscript has been retyped to meet publication standards, this history can be submitted to Mr. King for final review. His signature on the title page provided will indicate his approval of the publication of this history. At that point, the manuscript should be returned to the Historical Staff for reproduction, binding, and dissemination.

  
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